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1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD ON AUG 28, AMB REMINDED SAUD OF SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION WITH HIM ON THE PORTUGUESE PROBLEM AND NOTED THAT THE PORTUGUESE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED THAT THIS ITEM WILL BE INSCRIBED ON THE UPCOMING ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS' AGENDA. AMB SAID THAT SECRETARY VANCE APPRECIATED SAUD'S COMMENT THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF EMBARGOING A COUNTRY THAT WAS MOVING AWAY FROM COMMUNISM AND ADDED THAT WE TRUST THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE IN MIND THE VERY STRONG AND LONG-STANDING ANTI-SOVIET POSITION OF THE CURRENT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. AMB ALSO POINTED OUT THAT PORTUGAL DOES NOT PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV AND IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS WE HOPE THAT SAUD WILL PURSUE THE PORTUGUESE ISSUE IN THE ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING.

2. IN REPLY, SAUD SAID THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL PRESENT A REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING BASED ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH
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